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## **San Dimas and Gold Line Construction Authority Reach Settlement Agreement**

*Securing Additional Environmental Mitigation Measures for San Dimas Residents*

The City of San Dimas and the Metro Gold Line Foothill Construction Authority (Construction Authority) have reached a settlement agreement regarding an environmental lawsuit filed by the City on August 26, 2022 as well as a breach of contract claim the City filed against the Authority.

The settlement agreement finalizes the appraised value of the San Dimas Park and Ride Lot near San Dimas Avenue and Railway Street at nearly \$4.45 million and provides additional mitigations to the City valued at approximately \$1 million. The Construction Authority will continue its condemnation of the 2.5-acre property. However, the City has more tools now to protect surrounding neighborhoods and businesses from traffic and parking impacts.

Among the additional mitigations, the Construction Authority will provide a strip of land with the appropriate environmental clearances between Cataract Avenue and Monte Vista Avenue and north of Railway Street. Options for land use may include parking expansion, driveway construction to reduce traffic impacts or other mitigation measures. The Construction Authority will also perform additional work, including:

- Construction Authority will work with Gibson Transportation Consulting to complete parking management plan, will add 100 3-hour parking signs on locations determined by the City and prepare a plan for the City to implement;
- Installation of speed humps on Commercial Street;
- Assessing and changing traffic signal timing to maximize the flow of traffic;
- Implementing bus stop-related improvements on Bonita Avenue aligned with the City's standard canopies;
- Completing street striping in front of a neighboring condominium development to keep the street clear from traffic entering and exiting the Park and Ride;
- Extending the left turn pocket on northbound San Dimas Avenue onto westbound Commercial Street to reduce vehicle traffic impacting northbound San Dimas Avenue;
- Adding decorative and protective railing to the new median on San Dimas Avenue to protect from pedestrians entering the San Dimas roadway outside of marked pedestrian crosswalks;
- Construction Authority will conduct utility and irrigation work at Freedom Park due to the reconfiguration of the entrance to the Park and Ride. Includes the addition of 3 Sycamore trees and shrub and lawn planting consistent with existing landscaping;
- Installing curb modifications on Commercial Street to prohibit vehicles exiting the Park and Ride from Commercial Street from turning right only on Commercial Street; and
- Settlement agreement does not change the Authority's obligations under the Final SEIR.

"We're glad to have reached a timely settlement agreement with the Construction Authority," stated City

Manager Chris Constantin, “the City will receive a fair value for the sale of the Park and Ride Lot, additional safeguards to reduce traffic and residential impacts, and light rail service will open in conjunction with the Foothill Extension project.”

The Construction Authority is set to start testing and operations of the line in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

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